

Business Crime Prevention

The Business Crime Prevention Unit (BCPU) of the Simi Valley Police Department has been created to assist those doing business in Simi Valley with crime prevention. The Business Crime Prevention Unit is dedicated to creating awareness of proactive methods of fighting crime. This is accomplished through education and promotion of crime prevention techniques.

Programs offered by the BCPU include, but are not limited to: Business Watch, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, Business Security Surveys, Business Alert, and [Security Standards for Buildings](#) (Simi Valley Municipal Code, Title 8, Chapter 21).



Through **Business Watch**, the Simi Valley Police Department works with local business owners to decrease crime and the fear of reporting crime by establishing Business Watch Programs. Business Watch operates by the principal of cooperation between business owners and their local law enforcement agencies – watching out for each other and reporting crime.



Business Alert is an e-mail-based program, the purpose of which is to provide timely alerts regarding crime trends and prevention tips. To become a subscriber, go to BusinessAlert@simivalley.org and provide your contact information.



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design is a crime control/prevention program that utilizes physical design. This program is implemented during the initial phases of commercial building construction. Law Enforcement makes recommendations on lighting, landscaping, and safe building design while following the Security Standards for Buildings. This program can also assist existing business with suggestions for

improvements that can be made to improve existing design.



Operation Identification is a crime prevention program to remind citizens and assist them in engraving their property for identification. If property is engraved in a manner and location known to the owner, it is easier to identify and return the property to the rightful owner. A good tip is to engrave valuables with a driver's license or other identification number.

For more information on crime prevention techniques, contact the Simi Valley Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at (805) 583-6276.